

We claim:

- 1 1. An apparatus, comprising:
2 an integrated circuit including
3 a first processor with a first dedicated cache;
4 a second processor with a second dedicated cache; and
5 control logic coupled to the first and second dedicated caches to transfer
6 first data from the first dedicated cache to the second dedicated
7 cache entirely within the integrated circuit.
- 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
2 the control logic is to transfer the first data if the first data is a cache line in the
3 first dedicated cache and not in the second dedicated cache.
- 1 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
2 the control logic is to transfer the first data if the first data is a modified version
3 of a particular cache line and the second dedicated cache contains an
4 unmodified version of the particular cache line.
- 1 4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a coherency unit to perform snoop operations on the first and second dedicated
3 caches.

1 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

2 the control logic is further to transfer second data from the second dedicated
3 cache to the first dedicated cache entirely within the integrated circuit.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integrated circuit further includes:

2 a shared cache coupled to the control logic and to the second dedicated cache to
3 provide the first data to the second dedicated cache;

4 wherein the control logic includes a write buffer to receive the first data from
5 the first dedicated cache and to provide the first data to the shared cache.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integrated circuit further includes:

2 a shared cache coupled to the control logic, to the first dedicated cache, and to
3 the second dedicated cache;

4 wherein the control logic is further to transfer second data from the second
5 dedicated cache to the first dedicated cache;

6 wherein the control logic includes a first write buffer to receive the first data
7 from the first dedicated cache and to provide the first data to the shared

8 cache, and further includes a second write buffer to receive the second

9 data from the second dedicated cache and provide the second data to the
10 shared cache;

11 wherein the shared cache is to provide the first data to the second dedicated

12 cache and to provide the second data to the first dedicated cache.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

2 the control logic includes a fill buffer coupled to first and second dedicated
3 caches to receive the first data from the first dedicated cache and to
4 provide the first data to the second dedicated cache.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

2 the control logic includes a first fill buffer coupled to the first and second
3 dedicated caches to receive the first data from the first dedicated cache
4 and to provide the first data to the second dedicated cache; and
5 the control logic includes a second fill buffer coupled to the first and second
6 dedicated caches to receive second data from the second dedicated cache
7 and to provide the second data to the first dedicated cache

1 10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control logic includes:

2 a multiplexer coupled to the first and second caches to receive the first data
3 from the first dedicated cache and to provide the first data to the second
4 dedicated cache.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the control logic includes:

2 a first multiplexer coupled to the first and second caches to receive the first data
3 from the first dedicated cache and to provide the first data to the second
4 dedicated cache; and
5 a second multiplexer coupled to the first and second caches to receive second
6 data from the second dedicated cache and to provide the second data to
7 the first dedicated cache.

1 12. A method, comprising:
2 transferring first data from a first dedicated cache of a chip multi-processor to
3 control logic in the chip multi-processor, entirely within the chip multi-
4 processor; and
5 subsequently transferring the first data from the control logic to a second
6 dedicated cache of the chip multi-processor, entirely within the chip
7 multi-processor.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 transferring second data from the second dedicated cache to the control logic,
3 entirely within the chip multi-processor; and
4 subsequently transferring the second data from the control logic to the first
5 dedicated cache, entirely within the chip multi-processor.

1 14. The method of claim 12, wherein:
2 the transferring the first data from the first dedicated cache includes transferring
3 the first data from the first dedicated cache to a write buffer;
4 the transferring the first data from the control logic includes transferring the first
5 data from the write buffer to a shared cache.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein:
2 the transferring the first data from the control logic further includes transferring
3 the first data from the shared cache to the second dedicated cache.

1 16. The method of claim 12, wherein:
2 the transferring the first data from the first dedicated cache includes transferring
3 the first data from the first dedicated cache to a fill buffer;
4 the transferring the first data from the control logic includes transferring the first
5 data from the fill buffer to the second dedicated cache.

1 17. The method of claim 12, wherein:
2 the transferring the first data from the first dedicated cache includes transferring
3 the first data from the first dedicated cache to a multiplexer; and
4 the transferring the first data from the control logic includes transferring the first
5 data from the multiplexer to the second dedicated cache.

1 18. A system, comprising:
2 a main memory,
3 a chip multiprocessor coupled to the main memory and including:
4 a first processor with a first dedicated cache;
5 a second processor with a second dedicated cache; and
6 control logic coupled to the first and second dedicated caches to transfer
7 first data from the first dedicated cache to the second dedicated
8 cache entirely within the chip multiprocessor.

1 19. The system of claim 18, wherein:

2 the control logic is further to transfer second data from the second
3 dedicated cache to the first dedicated cache entirely within the
4 chip multiprocessor.

1 20. The system of claim 18, wherein the chip multiprocessor further includes:

2 a shared cache coupled to the control logic and to the second dedicated cache to
3 provide the first data to the second dedicated cache;
4 wherein the control logic includes a write buffer to receive the first data from
5 the first dedicated cache and to provide the first data to the shared cache.

1 21. The system of claim 18, wherein:

2 the control logic includes a fill buffer coupled to first and second dedicated
3 caches to receive the first data from the first dedicated cache and to
4 provide the first data to the second dedicated cache.

1 22. The system of claim 18, wherein the control logic includes:

2 a multiplexer coupled to the first and second dedicated caches to receive the
3 first data from the first dedicated cache and to provide the first data to
4 the second dedicated cache.

1 23. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed
2 by a set of one or more processors, cause said set of processors to perform operations
3 comprising:

transferring data from a first dedicated cache in an integrated circuit to control logic in the integrated circuit, entirely within the integrated circuit; and subsequently transferring the data from the control logic to a second dedicated cache of the integrated circuit, entirely within the integrated circuit.

24. The medium of claim 23, wherein:

the transferring the data from the first dedicated cache includes transferring the data from the first dedicated cache to a write buffer; and the transferring the data from the control logic includes transferring the data from the write buffer to a shared cache and subsequently transferring the data from the shared cache to the second dedicated cache.

25. The medium of claim 23, wherein:

the transferring the data from the first dedicated cache includes transferring the data from the first dedicated cache to a fill buffer; and the transferring the data from the control logic includes transferring the data from the fill buffer to the second dedicated cache.

26. The medium of claim 23, wherein:

the transferring the data from the first dedicated cache includes transferring the data from the first dedicated cache to a multiplexer; and the transferring the data from the control logic includes transferring the data from the multiplexer to the second dedicated cache.